

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ELAB, IS  
SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT

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1. ISRAELI PRESS REPORTED FEBRUARY 13 THAT CERTAIN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S. HAD CRITICIZED ECONOMIC MINISTER SHER, ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, FOR UNDERMINING THEIR EFFORTS TO GET ADDITIONAL ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION. SHER'S REMARKS TO THE KNESSET LAST MONTH WERE CITED IN THIS REGARD. THE TEXT OF AN ARTICLE IN MAARIV OF JANUARY 26, 1977, REPORTING SHER'S TESTIMONY FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE. ZEEV SHER: LEGISLATION AGAINST BOYCOTT NOT TO HELP ISRAEL

AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING OF KNESSET FINANCE COMMITTEE, ZEEV  
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SHER, ECONOMIC MINISTER IN THE U.S., REVIEWED ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL. MR. SHER DWELT ON THE APPRECIATION IN THE U.S. FOR ISRAEL AND ITS ECONOMIC POLICY IN REGARD TO CURTAILING CONSUMPTION AND ECONOMIZING FOREIGN CURRENCY. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT BOLD LEGISLATION AGAINST THE ARAB BOYCOTT WOULD BE PASSED. IN HIS OPINION, LEGISLATION AGAINST

THE BOYCOTT WOULD NOT HELP ISRAEL DIRECTLY. TODAY,  
ISRAEL IS NOT ON THE FIRST LIST OF COUNTRIES TO INVEST  
IN ALTHOUGH CONFIDENCE IN ISRAEL IS STILL STRONG AND  
INVESTMENTS CONTINUE TO FLOW. EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC AC-  
TIVITY IN ISRAEL DEPENDS BOTH ON ISRAEL'S INTERNAL PROB-  
LEMS AND ON EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ALTHOUGH THERE  
IS A DESIRE TODAY TO HELP ISRAEL, NO DOUBT THE NEW  
ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO EXAMINE ITS POSITION  
AND WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BOTH THE NEEDS OF ISRAEL  
AND U.S. POLICY IN THE REGION, AND AMERICAN GLOBAL IN-  
TERESTS. END QUOTE  
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